#### REMARKS:

#### Claim 6

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate indication of allowable subject matter in claim 6. Claim 6 has been rewritten to include all limitations of the parent claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 6 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

# Claims 1-4

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Wu et al. (US6239948).

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include all limitations of allowable claim 6, except the limitation that material has been removed from the third pole for defining the thickness thereof. As noted in the rejection of claim 1, such process limitations are not given weight when determining patentability. Accordingly, all novel elements of claim 6 are present in claim 1. Allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 6.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-4 is respectfully requested.

#### Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8

Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-8 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Chen et al. (US5652687).

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include all limitations of allowable claim 6, except the limitation that material has been removed from the third pole for defining the thickness thereof. As noted in the rejection of claim 1, such process limitations are not given weight when determining patentability. Accordingly, all novel elements of claim 6 are present in claim 1. Allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4, 7 and 8 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 6. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-4, 7 and 8 is respectfully requested.

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## Claims 14, 16

Previously nonelected and withdrawn claims 14 and 16 now depend from allowable claim 6. Rejoinder and allowance of claims 14 and 16 is respectfully requested.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. SJO920000097US1).

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